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A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., November 10, 2015.

Members present: Mayor Robert T. Wandrei; Councilman Tim Black; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Vice Mayor Steve C. Rush; Councilman Beckham A. Stanley

Members absent: Councilman Robert D. Carson and Councilman James A. Vest

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of a Council work session held on October 27, 2015, and the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on October 27, 2015, were approved as distributed.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Veteran's Day is November 11 and on behalf of himself and the entire town, he expressed appreciation to all who served.

Mr. Steve Williams, Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Office, Program Manager with the Roanoke District, presented two awards to the Bedford Police Department: *Click or Ticket Campaign* - the Town of Bedford started out with an eighty percent seat belt usage rate at the beginning of May; by the end of the campaign, the seat belt usage rate was ninety-four percent, which was mainly due to the actions by the Bedford Police Department and its supporting community. The two awards were as follows: 1. for the highest seatbelt use rate for a department of its size; 2. the other award was for the "most improved."

The Mayor thanked Mr. Williams for the presentation. Mayor Wandrei thanked Chief of Police Foreman for everything the Chief and the Police Department does for the Town.

The Chief of Police said that on September 9 there was a vehicle crash in the 900 block of Maybeury Drive. The Chief described the crash: the vehicle ran off the right side of the road striking an electric power pole and causing damage to the power lines. Children were in the vehicle involved in the accident and were not wearing seat belts. One of the children was ejected from the vehicle during the crash. A citizen, Mr. Michael Payne, was nearby when the crash occurred. Mr. Payne put his own life at risk to remove the child from an area where there were electric wires hanging. The Chief and members of the Police Department commended Mr. Payne for his quick and decisive actions. These actions assisted the first responders in providing care to the injured children without hindering the efforts of the Fire Department or the Rescue Squad. Mr. Payne's clear and detailed observations assisted the officers in the investigation as they determined the

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cause of the crash. The Chief said Mr. Payne is to be commended for his actions as a citizen of the Town of Bedford.

Mary Grace Franchi, Chair of the Economic Restructuring Committee and a member of the Board of Main Street, gave an update on the activities of the committee: fund raising; the expansion of Main Street to include more support for Bedford; Bedford Boot Camp to mirror the procedures learned in Marion, Virginia. The procedures help people who want to open up businesses.

Aundrea Dagenhart stated that she is working with a group of people to get a full-time homeless shelter in Bedford. She said there are at least thirty homeless people in Bedford, including adults, teens, and children. Ms. Dagenhart said the overall goal at hand is to teach them job skills, help them complete resumes, and find work. She said the group has partnered with Grace Ministries and many local churches. Grace Ministries and other volunteers have been working hard to get a temporary shelter set up. The opening date for Grace House is projected for November 14. She spoke about the churches that are helping, the volunteers, donations, and fund raising events. Ms. Dagenhart introduced Kevin who was on the street for two years. Ms. Dagenhart asked Council not hinder this project, but instead to get on board and help them make it happen. She said the state and government offer grants and funds to support homeless shelters and asked that Council help them get those funds to Bedford.

Mayor Wandrei thanked Ms. Dagenhart for her presentation and said that Council will be considering everything she said.

Sandra Boyes commended the Police Department for the work they are doing. She also commended the leaf pickup crew for picking up leaves in the pouring rain. She said both the Police Department and the leaf pickup crew were very professional. Ms. Boyes spoke about the need for screening the parking lot on Whitfield Drive as it is unattractive for the neighborhoods of Oakwood, Newton Circle, and Whitfield Drive.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Boyes, on behalf of Council for bringing this matter to its attention.

Mayor Wandrei said there will be a ceremony at the D-Day Memorial on November 11 for Veteran's Day.

The Mayor added the following item to the agenda: Report on Trash Carts

Town Manager Kolakowski said the Bedford Area Family YMCA is requesting permission to hold the 36th YMCA's Annual Peaks Otter Christmas Classic foot race on Saturday, December 5, 2015, and to block the following streets from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.:

Peaks Street, Whitfield Drive, Oakwood Street, Longwood Avenue, Hampton Ridge Avenue and Elm Street

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Mr. Kolakowski said that Council was requested to approve the closing of the above streets for the 36th YMCA's Annual Peaks Otter Christmas Classic foot race from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 5, 2015.

On motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Vice Mayor Rush, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the YMCA's request to block the streets. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Black	aye
Councilman Carson	absent
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	absent
Councilman Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The Town Manager said that since the second Town Council meeting in December falls during the Christmas Holiday Season, Council was requested to adopt a Resolution canceling the second Council meeting in December, which is December 22nd.

On motion by Vice Mayor Rush, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution canceling the second Council meeting in December, which is December 22nd. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Carson	absent
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	absent
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Charter of the Town of Bedford requires that Council shall "fix the time and place of its meeting," and

WHEREAS, the Town Code requires in Section 2-27 that meetings shall be on "the second and fourth Tuesday of each month," and

WHEREAS, the second regular Council meeting in December is scheduled for December 22, 2015, which falls during the Christmas Holiday Season;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council meeting scheduled for December 22, 2015, be and the same hereby is canceled.

D. W. Lawhorne, Director of Public Works, gave a report on the matter of people requesting more than one trash cart. Mr. Lawhorne said that he had contacted five localities in Bedford's neighboring area with cart systems, and there was a wide variety of solutions. He and the Town Manager have discussed this and recommend that a small monthly fee would have to be implemented in order to have a second cart. Mr. Lawhorne recommended that the Town not allow second carts until everyone has a cart, which should be before the end of September 2016.

Discussion ensued regarding adding the extra carts to next year's budget. Mr. Lawhorne recommended a fee of \$5.00.

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.